

## **Abstract**

**Thesis Title:** The role of second serve in men's lawn tennis – Wimbledon 2017

**Thesis Objective:** To evaluate statistically the world's leading tennis players' matches in Wimbledon 2017 men's double. To compare their success level and effectiveness of the second serve with a focus on placement within the tennis court.

**Method:** The basic methods of this Bachelor Thesis were indirect observations and document analysis. The analysis has been done by way of comparing video recordings of selected men's tennis matches on the Wimbledon 2017 tournaments. The results were noted into prepared result sheets. This is a case of notational analysis.

**Results:** The results reveal differences in second serve effectiveness and success rate on lawn. I have found that the differences in tactically chosen second serve direction between "clay players", "service players" and "lawn players" are minimum. Even so, the determined values reveal, that second serve to the middle court is the most often played, as well as the most effective one.

**Keywords:** tennis, serving a ball, game specifics, lawn, serve variations